

June 10, 2008

Meeting began at 8:09 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Randy Ripplinger, Dennis Bertucci, Gladys LeFevre, Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk; Ashley Coombs, Tim Mutcher, Julie Ketchum, Bob and Naomi Brems, Eva Moore, Mark Nelson, Tom Jerome, Tim Clarke.

Pledge of allegiance

Randy made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1 and May 8 meetings. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gladys made a motion we adopt the changes to the 2007-08 budget as presented: Add \$39,616 (Federal Scenic Byways Grant) to the revenues and decrease the Excess Beginning Fund Balance to be Appropriated by the same amount; Move \$750 from Maintenance to Engineering on Highways; Add \$400 to Sanitation and \$50 to Cemetery and subtract \$450 from Elections. Randy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Changes to the proposed 2008-09 budget were discussed. It was proposed that the revenue amount of \$150,000 (State Grants) be reduced to \$94,400 and that \$20,000 be added to Excess Beginning Fund Balance to be Appropriated. It was proposed that the Administration expenditures be increased to \$31,007, that \$20,000 be added to Capital Outlay for building renovation, and that expenditure for a fire truck be reduced from \$150,000 to \$94,400. Gladys made a motion we adopt Resolution 2008-1 which adopts the 2008-09 budget as proposed with the understanding that the clerk will change the current year's figures to reflect final numbers as of June 30. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The 4th of July celebration was discussed. Randy was assigned the food, but the Town Council will help with preparing and serving. The parade will be at 4:30, and the 4-H kids will be able to ride their horses; the program will be at 5:00, or when the parade is over; children's games at 5:30; dinner at 6:30; and the dance at 9:00. The Town Council should come during the day to set up chairs and tables. The charge will be as last year: \$5/plate or \$25/immediate family.

Katie Austin has asked about the 4-H participating with their horses during the day. For liability reasons, we can't have horse riding games as a spectator activity.

Next year's celebration will be on Saturday, July 4.

Tom reported on progress at the park. The underground electrical cable has been installed, but it isn't connected yet. The Committee can now proceed with the next projects. They will need Garkane to come back and finish. They had a meeting last week. Tim Mutcher is now on the committee. The playground will be exciting. They will be taking the playground equipment down after the 4th for renovation and/or replacement. They have received \$6,000 in donations for trees so will be going ahead with planting.

Tim reported on the design side of the project. The playground will be centrally located with special ground surface. They will work on the sprinkler system and grounds after the 4th. The shelter will be started soon. Regarding the tract park, they will plant trees at the north end for picnic shade. They will have four mini-terraces on the sloped places. There could be three picnic areas and one a play area.

The development concept is more simple than the previous design. There will be a small parking area with room for 11 vehicles plus 2 ADA sites, with room to expand if necessary. A larger terraced area is planned which will give a feel of a destination point and will have a large view. There will be a pedestrian link to the building/grounds with a foot bridge, which has been redesigned. There is service access planned along the east boundary. An amphitheater with seating for 120 is still planned but not yet definitely sited. Only the upper two acres will be developed. The remaining seven acres will be divided into three pastures to be grazed by appropriate small animals to keep it mowed. The grass will need to be improved. The main pathway will be within the park with three access points to the highway. The plan calls for a thread of moving water that follows the natural grade of the ground through the length of the park with a pond with shade midway and a bigger pond near the south end.

The basic strategy is to maintain the park with the two areas: the two acres of developed area with the amphitheater cut into the slope and the informally grazed areas.. The watering of the two acres would come from efficient use of our current hookup. Trees will be planted now on the east side, the picnic areas, and the north end along the highway. Keeping water in the stream is a problem which they are working on solving. This is a multi-year project beginning at the north end. The plan is to get trees and the drip system in this year. Gladys wondered if someone could see the Forest Service about buying their B water. Tim C. asked if the town would consider dedicating the property obtained from the Wilsons to park use in perpetuity. We will check with Marvin to see how this can be done. The company who shipped playground equipment failed to charge us for the shipping and have asked if we are willing to pay half the charges. The Council agreed to pay it.

Mark Nelson presented an update on the SITLA issue. The County Road designation on the maps has been corrected. The RFP notice is posted in the Insider this week. We will collect signatures on petitions as long as possible. We might consider sending it and a delegation to a SITLA Board meeting, not to whine but to introduce the town and explain our position. There are still SITLA trades taking place. We need to show why a trade-out is the best route to go. RFP's are due July 31. Eva asked about the town obtaining it to use as a future sewer site. Mark responded that that is not SITLA's concern—they are mandated to raise money, not protect the public health. There are BLM grounds available for trade in Cannonville. Only 1/3 of this parcel is developable, so a trade for a better, more usable piece would be for their benefit as well. Individual calls to SITLA would also be helpful. Eva suggested producing a short DVD to show them what the property is really like. Mark appreciates help from Scott and others and will accept additional help if offered. Most people who have been approached with the petition are willing to sign. The committee will meet soon and get letters ready to send. This is an important issue worth fighting for.

The firehouse roof should be replaced this month. The Fire Department had a call at Hills & Hollows with good response, both in time and volunteers. Chuck Gurule will be the mechanic for the trucks. A grant has been submitted to PCIFB for the new truck. The department will be making a request for some new equipment. A training for dealing with hybrid cars was held but, because of short notice, no one was able to participate so they will try to get an abbreviated presentation from someone who did attend.

No building permits were issued this month.

A claim has been filed by Sue Fearon for a truck windshield broken by the branch of a tree located alongside a town road.

Gladys made a motion the meeting adjourn. Randy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.